

**CONSIDER OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO WAITING
RESTRICTIONS IN HIGH STREET AND TOWNSEND ROAD,
HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH**

To: Head of Highways and the Local Member(s)
representing electoral division below.

Meeting Date: 6th October 2017

From: Executive Director: Economy, Transport &
Environment

*Electoral
division(s):* St Ives South & Needingworth

Forward Plan ref: N/A *Key decision:* No

Purpose: To determine objections to the introduction of a
prohibition of waiting at any time TRO on High
Street and Townsend Road, Needingworth

Recommendation: a) Implement the restrictions as advertised
b) Inform the objectors accordingly

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** Holywell-cum-Needlingworth is located to the east of St Ives in Huntingdonshire District (Appendix 1). The proposal is to introduce on-street parking restrictions in High Street and Townsend Road. This is a Local Highway Improvement (LHI) scheme, part-funded by both Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.
- 1.2** The junction of High Street and Townsend Road is adjacent to the Post Office and village store (Appendix 2). Drivers frequently park vehicles close to the mouth of the junction and this obstructs visibility for drivers and creates vehicular conflict. The parking is also contravening the Highway Code which states that vehicles should not be parked within 10 metres of a junction
- 1.3** It is proposed to introduce No Waiting at any time (double yellow lines) covering the High Street/Townsend Road junction (Appendix 3).
- 1.4** By way of background, Appendix 5 includes a questionnaire and results of a preliminary consultation that was carried out by Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council in June 2017. This exercise indicated strong support from local people for yellow lines at this location.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) PROCESS

- 2.1** The TRO procedure is a statutory process that requires the highway authority to advertise, in the local press and on-street, a public notice stating the proposal and the reasons for it. The advert invites the public to formally support or object to the proposals in writing within a minimum twenty one day notice period. There is also a requirement to consult with certain organisations, such as the emergency services, and others affected by the proposals.
- 2.2** The TRO was advertised in the Hunts Post on 9th August 2017 and the statutory consultation period ran until 31st August 2017.
- 2.3** The statutory consultation resulted in three objections which have been summarised in the table in Appendix 4. The officer responses to the objections are also given in the table.
- 2.4** The proposed restrictions are mainly intended to promote road safety, but have been balanced with the need to retain on-street parking for residents and businesses. The Parish Council's earlier consultation exercise indicates strong local support for double yellow lines at this location. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposed restrictions are implemented as advertised.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 **Developing the local economy for the benefit of all**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 **Helping people live healthy and independent lives**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 **Supporting and protecting vulnerable people**

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 **Resource Implications**

The necessary staff resources and funding have been secured through LHI funding including a contribution from Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council.

4.2 **Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications**

The statutory process for this proposal has been followed.

4.3 **Equality and Diversity Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 **Engagement and Consultation Implications**

The statutory consultees have been engaged including County and District Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services.

Notices were placed in the local press and were also displayed on the road where it is proposed to implement the restrictions. The proposal was available to view in the offices of Huntingdonshire District Council and the reception area of Shire Hall.

4.5 **Localism and Local Member Involvement**

County Councillor Kevin Reynolds was consulted and no response was received.

4.6 **Public Health Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Consultation responses Draft Traffic Regulation Order Written objections/representations	Vantage House Washingley Road Huntingdon PE29 6SR

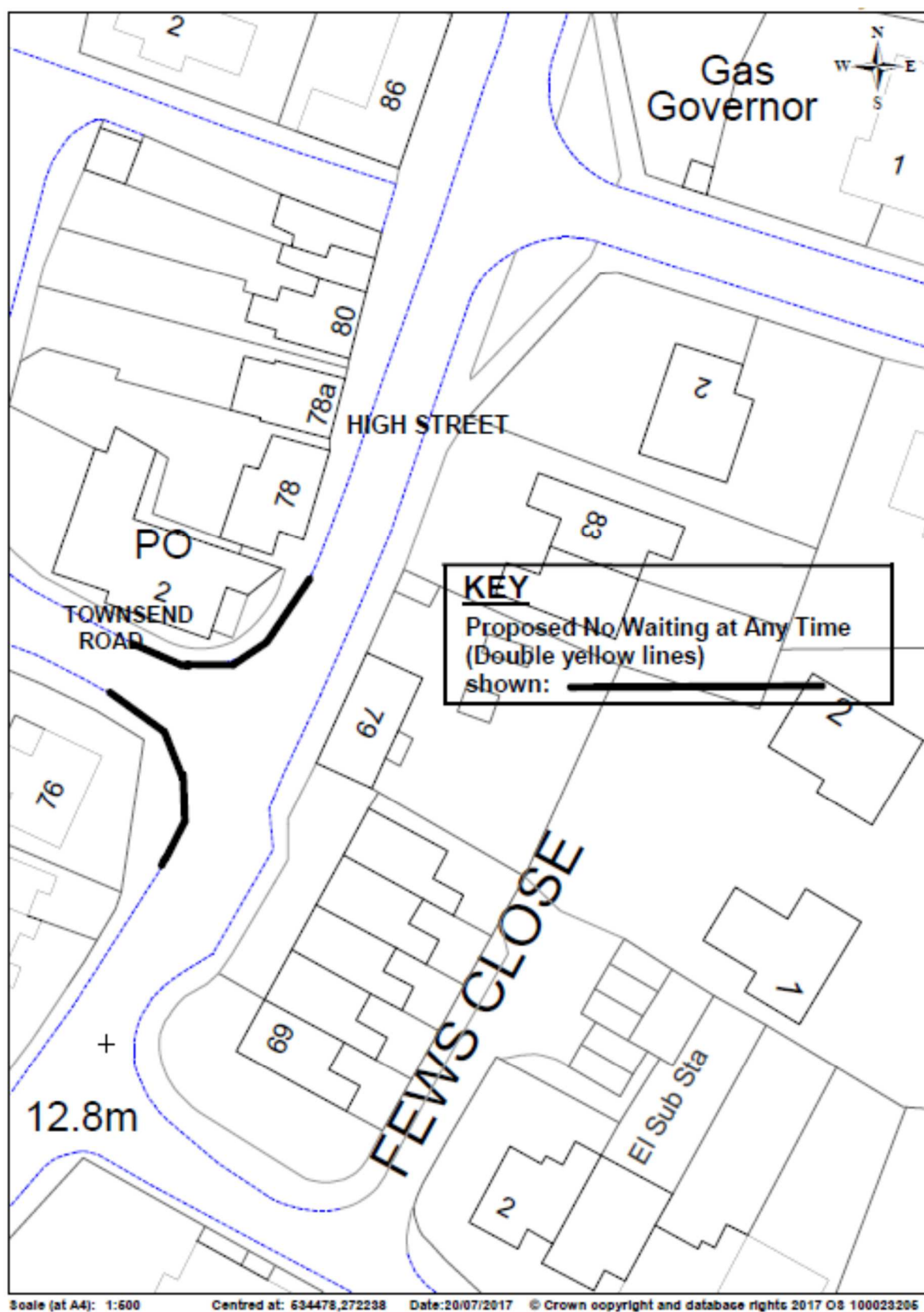
Appendix 1 – Location of Needingworth



Appendix 2 – Location of Restrictions in Needingworth



Appendix 3 – Proposed Restrictions on High Street and Townsend Road



Appendix 4

No.	Summary of Objections/ Representations	Officer's Comments
1	<p>The restrictions will remove valuable parking space and create problems for nearby residents and their visitors.</p> <p>Parking in the area does not cause a major problem and there is no significant accident history. Any parked cars are only there for a short period of time. The junction is not busy and parked cars do not block the road to passing traffic.</p> <p>The restrictions will mean that parked cars are transferred to equally hazardous locations and in some cases near to residential premises.</p> <p>There will be little or no enforcement of the restrictions and if police are called it will use up the limited resources they have.</p> <p>People may choose to use other shops, thereby taking business out of the village. If the shop closes, it may affect house prices as there will no longer be a shop/post office in the village.</p>	<p>The proposed double yellow lines would only cover the immediate junction area. The Highway Code states that drivers should not park within 10 metres of a junction and the proposed restrictions extend only a very short distance beyond that. Hence, the number of lost parking spaces would be very small. In addition, the shop has a small off-street parking area available to the rear and other roads in the area are unrestricted. Hence, alternative parking places are available within a short walking distance.</p> <p>It is accepted that the parking does not create a major road safety hazard. However, the parked cars obstruct visibility and create vehicular conflict, which creates some local anxiety.</p> <p>The small number of displaced parked vehicles are unlikely to have any significant impact on adjacent lengths of road.</p> <p>It is accepted that enforcement of the restrictions is unlikely to be a high priority for the police. However, double yellow lines tend to be relatively self-enforcing, particularly when used sparingly.</p> <p>Any inconvenience caused by the yellow lines will be minimal and is unlikely to result in potential customers choosing to shop elsewhere. Hence, the proposal is unlikely to have any real impact on the business or any resultant decrease in property values.</p>

Appendix 5 – Parish Council Questionnaire and Results Summary

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council

Needingworth Village Hall,
Overcote Lane
Needingworth
St Ives
Cambs
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Tel/Fax: 01480 468451
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Dear Resident,

The Parish Council are consulting residents about the issue of parking at the junction of Townsend Road and the High Street.

Please can you take time to answer the questions below and either return the form to Needingworth village hall, (the post box for the Parish Office is outside of the main door) or alternatively email your reply to the address above: by 30th June 2017.

Please feel free to share with any other resident you think may have a view or comment to make.

	YES	NO
1. Do you consider there is a problem with parking at the junction of Townsend Rd/High Street causing a safety /visibility issue?		
2. Would you support a scheme to improve parking in this area?		
3. Do you support the introduction of yellow lines at the junction of Townsend Rd/High Street?		
4. Do you think moving the bus stop further along the High St towards Willow Green would help?		

Comments:

Townsend Road/High Street LHI BID

Questionnaires delivered to 225 homes: (copy overleaf).

- High St – Silver lane- Old Farm Close.
- Silver Lane
- Townsend Rd
- Dales Way
- Meeting Lane
- Willow Green.
- Spinney Way
- Aware that it was also on village Facebook page.

94 replies received either hard copy or emailed (41.77%)

Of those :

- 32 answered **yes** to all 4 questions
- 47 answered **yes** to first 3 questions but did not support moving the bus stop.
- 3 answered **NO** to all 4 questions.
- 5 answered yes to 1st 2 question no to second 2 questions
- 1 blank form returned
- 6 mix of all other permutations.

Summary

- Overwhelming response acknowledging there is an issue.
- 84% support yellow lines.
- 50% do not support moving the bus stop.

Comments.

Wide ranging but can be categorised.

- Yellow lines will only work if policed!
- Down to irresponsible residents.
- Must support the shop as it is vital to the village.
- Speed of High Street traffic increases the danger.
- Yellow lines will push the problem elsewhere.

CCC Highways need decision on what proposal to move forward.